

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES for HEALTHY PLANNING and ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Federal Sources:

Environmental Protection Agency

- **Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program**

The Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program focuses on complex or cutting-edge issues and can take about 18 months. These projects explore innovative ideas to overcome barriers that are preventing communities from getting the kind of development they want.

Potential topics for this round of assistance include economic development for rural communities, resilience planning for natural hazards, linking planning for land use and economic development, using locally generated energy, and smart growth for tribal communities. EPA will choose up to four communities to receive assistance.

Letters of Interest Due: October 28th, 2012

For additional Information: <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia.htm>

- **Building Blocks Technical Assistance Program**

The Building Blocks program provides targeted technical assistance to communities that face common development problems. It employs a variety of tools such as improving pedestrian access and safety, zoning code reviews, and housing and transportation evaluations. EPA will select up to 50 communities and provide direct assistance by EPA staff and private sector experts. Applicants should determine which technical assistance program is right for their community.

Letters of Interest Due: October 28th, 2012

For additional information: <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/buildingblocks.htm>

- **Environmental Justice Small Grants Program**

The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program, supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues. The program assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships to help them understand and address environmental and public health issues in their communities. Successful collaborative partnerships involve not only well-designed strategic plans to build, maintain and sustain the partnerships, but also working towards addressing the local environmental and public health issues.

Applicants must be incorporated non-profits, federally recognized tribal governments, or tribal organizations working to educate, empower and enable their communities to understand and address local environmental and public health issues. EPA will host four pre-application teleconference calls on October 30, 2012, November 14, 2012, December 1, 2012, and December 13, 2012 to help applicants understand the requirements.

Grant Application Due: January 7, 2013

For additional information: <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>

Federal Highway Administration

- **Federal Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program**

The Safe Routes to Schools Program is a Federal-Aid program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Program was created by Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Act (SAFETEA-LU).

The Program provides funds to the States to substantially improve the ability of primary and middle school students to walk and bicycle to school safely. The purposes of the program are:

- to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school
- to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and
- to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity (approximately 2 miles) of primary and middle schools (Grades K-8).

Each State administers its own program and develops its own procedures to solicit and select projects for funding. The program establishes two distinct types of funding opportunities: infrastructure projects (engineering improvements) and non-infrastructure related activities (such as education, enforcement and encouragement programs).

Announcement date currently unknown, pending state legislation will decide how this program will be continued in California.

For additional information: <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/funding/>
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/srts_guide.htm
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/saferoutes.htm>
<http://www.casaferoutestoschool.org>

- **Transportation, Community, and System Preservation**

The Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) Program provides funding for a comprehensive initiative including planning grants, implementation grants, and research to investigate and address the relationships between transportation, community, and system preservation and to identify private sector-based initiatives.

States, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, and tribal governments are eligible for TCSP Program discretionary grants to plan and implement strategies which improve the efficiency of the transportation system, reduce environmental impacts of transportation, reduce the need for costly future public infrastructure investments, ensure efficient access to jobs, services and centers of trade, and examine development patterns and identify strategies to encourage private sector development patterns which achieve these goals.

Application Deadline: – applications due date unknown, likely Winter 2013

For further information: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary/memo2012.htm>
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tcsp/projects.html>

State Sources:

Caltrans

- **Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA)**

Caltrans anticipates appropriation of \$7.2 million annually for projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. **SHC Section 2106** stipulates the annual BTA funding level in the approved State budget, with awards announced after enactment. Per **SHC 891.4(b)**, funds are allocated to cities and counties on a matching basis that requires the applicant to furnish a minimum of 10 percent of the total project cost. Maximum grant amount \$1 million.

Announcement & due date likely to be Winter/Spring 2013

For additional information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/bta/btawebPage.htm>

- **Transportation Planning Grants Program**

Transportation Planning Grant funds are available for planning projects that improve mobility and lead to the planning, programming, and implementation of transportation improvement projects. The program categories are list below:

- Office of Community Planning (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/cbtp.html>)
 - Environmental Justice
 - Community-Based Transportation Planning Grants
- Office of Regional and Interagency Planning (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/Grants/grants.html>)
 - Partnership Planning
 - Statewide or Urban Transit Planning Studies
 - Rural or Small Urban Transit Planning Studies
 - Transit Planning Student Internships

Detailed information about each program and eligibility requirements can be found at:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>

Funding announcement likely to be Winter/2012, applications likely to be due in Spring 2013

For additional information http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grant_files/FY_12-13/Grant_Guide_FY2012-13_FINAL.pdf

- **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)**

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which was signed into law on August 10, 2005, established the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) as a core Federal-aid program. The overall purpose of this program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads through the implementation of infrastructure-related highway safety improvements.

Announcement & due date likely to be Winter/Spring 2013

For additional information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/>

General Information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/hsip.htm>

Guidelines and Application Tool: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/apply_now.htm

Guidelines Document: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/Documents/HSIP_Guidelines.pdf

- **Safe Routes to Schools (CA State Program SR2S)**

State version of Federal Safe Routes to School Program, targeting k-12. \$45 million total available, maximum grant \$450,000.

Announcement & due date likely to be Winter/Spring 2013

For additional information <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/saferoutes.htm>
<http://www.casaferoutestoschool.org/>

Natural Resources Agency

- **Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program – awarded annually**

The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) offers a total of \$10 million each year for grants to local, state, and federal governmental agencies and to nonprofit organizations for projects to mitigate the environmental impacts caused by new or modified public transportation facilities. Eligible projects must be directly or indirectly related to the environmental impact of the modification of an existing transportation facility or construction of a new transportation facility.

Open now, Due January 4, 2013

For further information: <http://resources.ca.gov/eem/>

California State Parks

- **Statewide Park Program**

This program will award grants on a competitive basis for the creation of new parks and new recreation opportunities in proximity to the most critically underserved communities across California. The creation of new parks in neighborhoods will be given priority.

These projects will benefit the health of families, youth, senior citizens, and other population groups by meeting their recreational, cultural, social, educational, and environmental needs.

Applications due (estimate) summer 2013

Example of application guide: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?Page_id=26500

For further information: http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/1008/files/spp_application_guide_2009.pdf

- **Land and Water Conservation Fund**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund program provides funds to federal agencies, and to the 50 states and 6 territories. The money allocated to the states may be used for statewide planning, and for acquiring and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

Acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Priority development projects include trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, natural areas and cultural areas for recreational use. Property acquired or developed under the program must be retained in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation use.

Normally an annual program, generally in the Fall, depends on the National Park Service authorization for funding.

For further information: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id+21360

Coastal Conservancy

- **California Coastal Conservancy – applications accepted on continuous basis**

To achieve its goals, the Coastal Conservancy may award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations that qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code.

Some examples of the kinds of projects the Coastal Conservancy may fund include trails and other public access to and along the coast, natural resource protection and restoration in the coastal zone or affecting

coastal areas, restoration of coastal urban waterfronts, protection of coastal agricultural land, and resolution of land use conflicts. The Coastal Conservancy can also provide advice about forming and running a nonprofit.

The stages of a project generally funded by the Coastal Conservancy include pre-project feasibility studies, property acquisition, planning (for large areas or specific sites) and design, environmental review, construction, monitoring, and, in limited circumstances, maintenance.

For further information: <http://scc.ca.gov/applying-for-grants-and-assistance/forms/>

Strategic Growth Council:

- **Urban Greening Project for Sustainable Communities Grant Program**

The Urban Greening Projects for Sustainable Communities Program provides funds to preserve, enhance, increase or establish community green areas such as urban forests, open spaces, wetlands and community spaces (e.g., community gardens). The goal is for these greening projects to incrementally create more viable and sustainable communities throughout the State. Grants are funded through the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

Some portion of the project must be located in an urban area. For the purpose of this program, an urban area is a geographic area where the existing or planned-for average density within a half mile radius of the project or an adjacent geographically-equivalent area (minus existing or planned for open space including the proposed project and non-residential uses) is approximately ten (10) dwelling units per acre.

Project Concept Proposals Deadline: Mid-to-late February 2013

Invited Applications Deadline: projected to be Spring 2013

For additional information:

http://sgc.ca.gov/docs/funding/Urban_Greening_PROJECT_Guidelines_October_2012.pdf

- **Urban Greening Planning for Sustainable Communities Grant Program**

The Urban Greening Planning for Sustainable Communities Program provides funds to assist entities in developing a master urban greening plan that will ultimately result in projects to help the State meet its environmental goals and the creation of healthy communities. The plan must be consistent with the State's planning policies and any applicable general or regional plan. The plan must outline or layout projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple benefits including, but not limited to, decreasing air and water pollution, reducing the consumption of natural resources and energy, increasing the reliability of local water supplies, or increasing adaptability to climate change.

Grants are funded through the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). Requests for funding are limited to a maximum of \$250,000. Larger grant awards may be considered for organizations that work together to develop joint planning documents that cover all jurisdictions involved.

Applications Deadline: projected to be late Spring/Summer 2013

For additional information:

http://sgc.ca.gov/docs/funding/Urban_Greening_PLANNING_Guidelines_October_2012.pdf

- **Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program**

The Strategic Growth Council (SGC), the Department of Conservation manages competitive grants to cities, counties, and designated regional agencies to promote sustainable community planning and natural resource conservation. The grant program supports development, adoption, and implementation

of various planning elements. The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program offers a unique opportunity to improve and sustain the wise use of infrastructure and natural resources through a coordinated and collaborative approach.

Grants are funded through the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). DOC has allocated approximately \$18 million of Proposition 84 funds for round two. The funds awarded will support development, adoption, and implementation of Sustainable Community planning elements throughout the State, including, but not limited to, Climate Action Plans and General Plan amendments.

Applications Deadline: February 15, 2012.

For additional information: http://sgc.ca.gov/planning_grants.html

Regional & County Sources:

Southern California Association of Governments

- **SCAG Demonstration Projects - no dates announced**

Compass Blueprint Planning Services are provided through Demonstration Projects, opportunities for local planning efforts to become regional showcases for great planning. Demonstration Projects enable cities and counties to better evaluate planning options and stimulate sustainable development opportunities. Assistance is free of charge to local partners.

These projects should generally be large in scope and have the potential to be significant at the regional or sub-regional level. **With the recent passage of Senate Bill 375, this year's program will focus on reducing regional vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and resulting greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions** while providing the "co-benefits" of community livability, mobility, prosperity and sustainability.

Demonstration Projects might include: greenhouse gas reduction strategies, partial General Plan updates; feasibility studies; visioning workshops; development code and zoning change analysis; transit oriented developments; infill, redevelopment or brownfields; creation or addition to a downtown district; housing projects including multi-family and affordable; mixed use development; and pedestrian infrastructure.

For further information: <http://www.compassblueprint.org/apply>

Metro

- **Call for Projects**

Metro is responsible for allocating discretionary federal, state and local transportation funds to improve all modes of surface transportation. Metro also prepares the Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A key component of TIP is the Call for Projects program, a competitive process that distributes discretionary capital transportation funds to regionally significant projects.

Every other year, Metro accepts Call for Projects applications in seven modal categories (including: Regional Surface Transportation Improvements; Goods Movement; Signal Synchronization and Bus Speed Improvements; Transportation Demand Management; Bikeways Improvements; Pedestrian Improvements; Transit Capital; and Transportation Enhancement Activities). Local jurisdictions, transit operators, and other public agencies are encouraged to submit applications proposing projects for funding.

Announcement just made, due in January 15, 2013

For further information: http://www.metro.net/projects/call_projects/

Foundation Sources:

- **Bike Belong**

The Bikes Belong Grant Program strives to put more people on bicycles more often by funding important and influential projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling in communities across the U.S. These projects include bike paths and rail trails, as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives.

Since 1999, Bikes Belong has awarded 215 grants to municipalities and grassroots groups in 49 states and the District of Columbia, investing \$1.7 million in community bicycling projects and leveraging close to \$650 million in federal, state, and private funding.

Priority is given to: Bicycle organizations, coalitions, and associations—particularly those that have not received Bikes Belong funding in the past and Projects that build coalitions for bicycling by collaborating the efforts of bicycle industry and advocacy.

Bikes Belong participates in **Community Partnership Grants**. These grants will fund collaborations between non-profit organizations, businesses, and government entities on bicycle infrastructure or advocacy projects. For more information and grant criteria, visit the website.

Applications due by February 29, 2012

Committee Decisions in early May, 2012

For additional information: <http://www.bikesbelong.org/grants>

For upcoming grant cycles: <http://www.bikesbelong.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/schedules-deadlines/>

- **Kresge Foundation – applications accepted on continuous basis**

Two grant programs, Emerging and Promising Practices and Healthy Environments.

Through Emerging and Promising Practices, we seek to support innovative, cross-sector, interdisciplinary methods that address the cumulative impacts of social and environmental factors disproportionately

affecting at-risk communities. We also aim to advance the creation of new knowledge regarding the conditions – social and environmental – that lead to health disparities.

Healthy Environments aims to improve the health and well being of vulnerable children from low-income families by making the places they live, learn and play safe and supportive of overall good health. Funding priorities are clean air, safe and healthy housing and schools, and safe, accessible, and inviting outdoor play spaces – all advanced with community engagement, citizen leadership and cross-sector alliances.

For further information: <http://www.kresge.org/funding/apply-for-funding>

- **The California Endowment Building Healthy Communities in California – funding is very limited**
As part of TCE’s 10-year strategic direction, The California Endowment launched CalConnect, a Building Healthy Communities network designed as a collaborative environment for our users to create, connect, collaborate, mobilize and change California into a healthier state.

For further information: http://www.calendow.org/grant_guide/